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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
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June, 1938.

To the Chairman and Members of the Ross and Whitchurch Rural District Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN, MRS. TRAFFORD AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1937. The report of the Chief Sanitary Inspector is appended.

The year has been noteworthy as three water schemes have been completed.

No less than 26 houses have been modernised under the 1926 Act but there have not been any conversions and the total number of cottages has not been increased. It is hoped that advantage will be taken of the impending new housing subsidies to provide some badly needed additional cottages.

As this is my last Annual Report I wish to express my deep appreciation of the invaluable support which I have always received from your Chief Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Hardy, whose unswerving loyalty and exceptional ability has made my work much easier.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

LEO FAY,
Medical Officer of Health.

ROSS AND WHITCHURCH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1937.

SECTION A. : STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres) : 72,000.
Registrar-General's estimate of resident population, mid-1937 : 10,920.
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1937) according to Rate Books : 3,280.
Rateable Value : £40,888.
Sum represented by a penny rate : £184 14s. 6d.

Vital Statistics.

		Total.	M.	F.	
Live Births	Legitimate	143	74	69	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population : 14.6
	Illegitimate	16	7	9	
Stillbirths	... ...	5	0	5	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still births) : 30.49
Deaths	... ...	129	60	69	Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population—Crude 11.8 Modified by the Areal Comparability Factor (0.80) : 9.5

DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES

(HEADINGS 29 AND 30 OF THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S SHORT LIST) :

	Deaths.	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births.
No. 29 Puerperal sepsis	1	6.1
No. 30 Other Puerperal causes...	Nil.	Nil.
Total	1	6.1

DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE :

All infants per 1,000 live births	31
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ...	21
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births ...	125

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	9
,, ,, Measles (all ages)	Nil.
,, ,, Whooping Cough (all ages)	Nil.
,, ,, Diarrhœa (under 2 years of age)	Nil.

SECTION B.: GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

Laboratory Facilities.

Bacteriological examinations and clinical analyses, with few exceptions, are performed by Dr. Lowe, at the County Laboratory, Hereford. The following are the numbers for the year :—

Swabs examined for Diphtheria ...	39
Sputa examined	13
Blood	1

It is now possible to submit all samples of water to bacteriological analysis in addition to chemical analysis. This is a much needed improvement, and is a valuable measure in the control of water borne disease. The necessity for such bacteriological control of water supplies is indicated in the number of samples which were found to be below the standard of safety

Ambulance Facilities.

Infectious cases are removed to Hereford Rural District Council Isolation Hospital by the Hospital's own ambulance. Non-infectious cases are dealt with in a most satisfactory manner by the ambulance provided by the St. John Ambulance Association.

Nursing in the Home.

Nursing facilities remain unchanged and most of the parishes maintain their own nurse under the District Nursing Association.

Treatment Centres and Clinics.

Ross Infant Welfare is held, as before, at the Congregational Church Room, Gloucester Road, on alternate Thursday afternoons. During 1937, 1,074 attendances were made in 26 sessions.

In addition to the Ante-natal Clinic at the Public Assistance Institution, which has been in existence for several years, the County Council now provide an Ante-natal Clinic at 15, Church Street, Ross, which is held fortnightly, on Thursdays.

The Tuberculosis Dispensary is held on alternate Thursday mornings at 2, Church Street, Ross.

Cases of Venereal Disease are referred to the Clinic at Hereford.

Hospitals.

Arrangements remain unchanged, but it is desirable to remind the Council that the existing agreement with the Hereford Rural District Council, whereby infectious cases may be removed to Stretton Sugwas Hospital, is seriously inadequate, and advantage should be taken of the first opportunity to extend its provisions.

SECTION C. : SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water.

During the year, 79 samples of water were submitted to analysis (41 chemical and 38 bacteriological). The results of the chemical examination shewed 21 samples to be satisfactory and 20 samples to be unsatisfactory, whilst the bacteriological results shewed that 16 samples were satisfactory and 22 otherwise.

1 9 3 7 has been a good year as regards water supplies, inasmuch as three parishes have at last received, or are about to receive, the much desired benefits of a piped supply of pure and wholesome water.

Parish.	No. of houses served.
Llancloudy	13
Brampton Abbotts ...	15
Garway	23 (minimum)

Every effort has been made by the Council to provide the most badly situated of all parishes, i.e., Whitchurch, with an adequate supply of water. The legal negotiations however, have been long and difficult and it is doubtful whether the scheme will be completed during the next year.

Attention must be drawn to the analytical results of various small water supplies during 1937, which shew that approximately no less than half the sources were found to be polluted. Allowing for the fact that obviously such samples are taken from the more suspicious sources, the figures nevertheless, cannot be regarded with equanimity. The County Laboratory provides excellent facilities at no extra cost and I regard it as an essential matter that a close scrutiny be maintained of these dubious water supplies.

Drainage and Sewerage.

13 New buildings and 29 existing dwellings have been provided with drains during the year.

Rivers and Streams.

No complaints have been received of the pollution of rivers or streams.

Closet Accommodation.

During the year, 45 privies have been converted to pail closets and 5 privies have been converted to water closets.

Public Cleansing.

During 1937, as in previous years, there have been occasional requests for the institution of house refuse collection. In every case the cost has been regarded as a prohibitive factor and no action has been taken.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

See the report of the Chief Sanitary Inspector herewith appended.

Shops.

The Shops Act, 1934, does not apply in the area.

Smoke Abatement.

The problem does not arise.

Swimming Baths and Pools.

There are no (a) public (b) privately owned swimming baths or pools open to the public in the area.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

No action was necessary.

Schools.

The supply of drinking water at certain of the schools, particularly Ballingham, can only be described as precarious. Fortunately, two of the schools will share in the benefits of the new water schemes at Garway and Brampton Abbotts. During the year, one school was disinfected and 17 schools were closed on account of the prevalence of infectious or other diseases.

School Closures.

School.	*Date.*	*Cause.*
Longgrove	6/1/37—29/1/37	Mumps
Brampton Abbotts ...	21/1/37—29/1/37	Influenza
Whitchurch... ...	22/1/37—5/2/37	Influenza.
Llanwarne	25/1/37—29/1/37	Influenza.
Welsh Newton ...	25/1/37—5/2/37	Influenza & Mumps.
Peterstow	27/1/37—5/2/37	Influenza.
Bridstow	26/1/37—5/2/37	Influenza.
Upton Bishop ...	28/1/37—5/2/37	Influenza.
Sellack	28/1/37—5/2/37	Influenza & Chickenpox.
Lea	1/2/37—5/2/37	Influenza.
Brockhampton ...	1/2/37—12/2/37	Influenza.
Marstow Glewstone ...	5/2/37—12/2/37	Influenza & Chickenpox.
Hentland	8/2/37—19/2/37	Influenza.
Llangarron	10/2/37—19/2/37	Influenza & Mumps.
How Caple ...	9/2/37—19/2/37	Influenza.
Peterstow	24/2/37—5/3/37	Influenza.
Llangarron	8/3/37—19/3/37	Mumps.
Garway	1/3/37—5/3/37	Coughs & Colds.
Linton Gorsley Goffs...	22/10/37—12/11/37	Measles.
Llangarron	9/12/37—22/12/37	Measles.
Peterstow	20/12/37—23/12/37	Mumps.

SECTION D.: HOUSING.

1.—Inspection of Dwelling-Houses During the Year :—

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 380

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 477

(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 67

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 69

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 2

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... 92

2.—Remedy of Defects During the Year Without Service of Formal Notices :—

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers 159

3.—Action Under Statutory Powers During the Year :—

(a) Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... ... Nil.

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices—

(a) By owners ... ... Nil.

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners Nil.

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied Nil.

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—

(a) By owners ... ... Nil.

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners Nil.

(c) Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 4

(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 2

(d) Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... ... Nil.

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... ... Nil.

4.—Housing Act, 1936—Part IV.—Overcrowding :—

(a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year 11

(ii) Number of families dwelling therein 12

(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein 68½

(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ... ... Nil.

(c)	(i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	35
	(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases ...	197½
(d)	Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	Nil.

As in previous years, the greater part of the Council's housing activities have been carried out under the Housing (Rural Workers) Act, 1926, much excellent and valuable work being so done.

1937 was, however, a red letter year inasmuch as the Council for the first time built two new houses to replace a pair of cottages which were demolished under the Housing Act, 1936. Excellent as the 1926 Act is, it cannot and should not be regarded as the only plank in the Council's Housing programme. There is an undoubted need in some of the parishes for additional cottages not only to abate overcrowding but also to counteract the constant drift to the towns of the young couples. New legislation is imminent which provides a handsome subsidy for building new cottages without the present necessity of demolishing old cottages in order to be eligible for a grant.

There is real scope for such an Act in this district and it is to be hoped that full advantage will be taken of its generous provisions.

Overcrowding.

The number of overcrowded houses has been reduced by various means to a net figure of 11. This figure is apparently gratifyingly low but it must be repeated that the legal standard is misleadingly low inasmuch as the living room is reckoned as a bedroom. In this district the living room is very rarely used as such and therefore, the number of cases of genuine overcrowding is considerably higher than the legal number and thus the evidence of need of additional cottages is emphasized.

SECTION E.: INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply.

The number of persons registered under the Milk and Dairies Order is now 259, 10 being registered during the year. 250 inspections of farms and dairies were made by the Chief Sanitary Inspector and his staff, and 7 cow-houses were improved.

103 samples of milk were taken for bacteriological examination under the Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936, of which 89 proved to be satisfactory.

Meat and Other Foods.

There are now only 5 slaughter houses in the district, most of the meat being delivered from surrounding districts. During

the year, 1,121 animals were slaughtered, particulars of which are given below :—

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle excluding Cows	*Cows*	*Calves*	*Sheep and Lambs*	*Pigs*
Number killed (if known) ...	60	3	22	947	89
Number inspected	60	3	22	890	80
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS :— Whole carcases condemned ...	—	—	—	3	2
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	6	—	—	20	4
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	10%	—	—	2%	5%
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY :— Whole carcases condemned ...	—	—	—	—	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	—	—	—	—	6
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	7.5%

SECTION F. : PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The incidence of infectious disease was reasonably low and calls for no special comment. Of the ten cases of Scarlet Fever, five were removed to hospital and five isolated at home. It is becoming increasingly realised that the removal of cases of Scarlet Fever to hospital cannot be justified on isolation grounds except in special cases. If the child can be treated at home, it should stay there irrespective of whether it can be isolated.

Isolation is seldom achieved for tonsillitis, measles, whooping cough and other infectious complaints, and speaking generally, there is no justification on the grounds of either public health or private health for the large expenditure involved by removing mild cases of Scarlet Fever to costly Fever Hospitals.

The average cost per case of patients removed to the Hereford Rural District Council Isolation Hospital from this district was £15 17s. 4d. which is equivalent to an average weekly charge of £2 16s. 6d.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1937.

DISEASE.	*Total Cases Notified.*	*Cases admitted to Hospital.*	*Total Deaths.*
Smallpox	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	10	5	—
Diptheria	6	6	—
Enteric Fever	—	—	—
Puerperal Fever	3	2	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	—	—	—
Pneumonia	12	—	—
Erysipelas	1	1	—
Ophthalmia Neonotorum...	1	—	—

Analysis of the Total Notified Cases According to Age.

DISEASE.	AGE GROUPS.												
	Under 1	1—	2—	3—	4—	5—	10—	15—	20—	35—	45—	65 *and over.*	*Totals.*
Scarlet Fever ...	—	—	—	1	1	7	—	1	—	—	—	—	10
Diphtheria ...	—	—	—	—	1	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	6
Puerperal Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3
Pneumonia ...	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	4	2	2	2	12
Erysipelas ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		—	1
TOTALS ...	2	—	—	1	2	9	4	1	7	3	2	2	33

Tuberculosis.

At the end of 1936, there were 29 cases of tuberculosis on the Register. During the year, 11 fresh cases were notified (5 Pulmonary and 6 Non-Pulmonary), and 10 cases were removed on account of death, recovery or change of residence, leaving 30 cases on the Register at the end of 1937.

New Cases and Mortality during 1937.

AGE PERIODS.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Pulmonary.		*Non-Pulmonary.*		*Pulmonary.*		*Non-Pulmonary.*	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
5—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
15—	1	1	1	1	—	—	1	—
25—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	2
35—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
55—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
65 and upwards ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	2	3	3	3	1	1	1	2

Causes of Death.

	Male.	*Female.*	*Total.*
Influenza	4	5	9
Tuberculosis of respiratory system ...	1	2	3
Other tuberculosis	—	1	1
Syphilis	1	—	1
Cancer	7	2	9
Diabetes	2	2	4
Cerebral hæmorrhage, etc.	4	5	9
Heart Disease	15	24	39
Other circulatory diseases	4	4	8
Bronchitis	1	5	6
Pneumonia (all forms)	2	—	2
Other respiratory diseases	—	1	1
Appendicitis	—	1	1
Cirrhosis of liver	1	—	1
Other liver diseases	1	—	1
Other digestive diseases	1	—	1
Acute and Chronic Nephritis	5	—	5
Puerperal sepsis	—	1	1
Congenital debility, Premature birth, etc.	3	2	5
Senility	1	5	6
Violence other than suicide	1	7	8
Other defined diseases	6	2	8
All Causes	60	69	129

ROSS AND WHITCHURCH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Rural Offices,
Woodside,
Ross-on-Wye.
February, 1938.

ANNUAL REPORT of George E. Hardy, L.R.I.B.A., A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A., Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector for the year ended December, 1937.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Trafford and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my annual report for the year ended December, 1937.

Infectious Disease.

Enquiries and reports were made thereon to the Medical Officer of Health relative to 17 cases notified—10 Scarlet Fever, 6 Diphtheria and 1 Erysipelas, as compared with 26 cases notified during 1936.

12 Cases were admitted to the Isolation Hospital and 5 cases of Scarlet Fever were kept isolated at home.

Summary of Cases.

St. Weonards	1	Linton	2
Hope Mansel	1	Llanwarne	1
Llandinabo	1	Llangarron	1
Kings Caple	3	Pencoyd	1
Upton Bishop	6		

Disinfection.

Disinfecting work (fumigating and spraying) has been carried out at 19 houses, 5 shelters, 1 school and 1 caravan.

Water Supply.

Seventy-nine samples of water, forty-one for chemical and thirty-eight for bacteriological examination, were taken as compared with forty-two last year.

Of this number, twenty-one chemical and sixteen bacteriological samples were stated to be fit for general domestic use, and twenty chemical and twenty-two bacteriological samples were reported unfit.

Thirteen water certificates were issued in respect of new houses, particulars of which are shown in the summary.

Three public wells have, during the past year, been reconditioned with an attempt to prevent any pollution taking place from surrounding surface water and also making better provision to conserve water during dry periods.

During the past 12 months, three water schemes have been commenced, viz. :—

LLANCLOUDY.—Gravitation supply from Quab Spring. This scheme is completed and meeting the requirements of this part of the Parish known as Llancloudy.

BRAMPTON ABBOTTS.—This supply is taken from the Ross Water Undertaking's main, by arrangement, and pumped by automatic electric boosters to this Parish. This scheme is completed and proving satisfactory.

GARWAY.—Gravitation supply from spring at Little Garway Farm. This scheme will not be completed until the end of February, 1938.

WHITCHURCH.—Owing to several difficulties having arisen with Riparian Owners, etc., this scheme has not yet been decided upon.

Public Health (Meat) Regulations.

During the year, 1,121 animals have been slaughtered at slaughterhouses in this District.

Bovines : 63 ; Calves : 22 ; Sheep : 350 ; Lambs : 597 ; Pigs : 89.

Most of the above carcases have been examined and found to be satisfactory.

Several livers with Cirrhosis have been condemned and destroyed.

Most of the meat in the Rural areas is delivered from surrounding districts.

Total number of slaughterhouses :—

1 Registered Slaughterhouse.
4 Licenced Slaughterhouses.

The Registered Slaughterhouse is situate at Whitchurch and the 4 Licenced Premises are distributed about the District, all of which are inspected and kept in a satisfactory condition.

Factories and Workshops Act.

One Factory and forty-two Workshops, including 14 Bakehouses, were inspected and found satisfactory.

The work in the Bakehouses remains more or less constant, but as regards most of the other work places, especially Smith Shops, there is little or no revival of business, principally due to fewer horses being used on the farms.

Sewage Disposal.

Thirteen drains have been provided for new buildings, and twenty-nine for existing dwellings. These mostly discharge into Septic Tanks, the effluent being disposed of by sub-irrigation.

Forty-nine tests of drains were made. Hydraulic 39, and Smoke 10. These terminated satisfactory.

Forty-five Privy Closets have been converted to Pail Closets and five to Water Closets.

Milk and Dairies Order, 1926.

The number of persons registered during the year was 10. The number on the register is 259.

7 Cowhouses were improved during the year.

A considerable amount of milk produced in this District is disposed of wholesale and this is collected from the various farms principally by Messrs. Cadbury.

Eighty per cent. of the "Accredited" Milk Licence holders dispose of their milk in this manner.

7 Producers of milk have made application to the County to supply milk to various schools in this district. In each case, special attention has been given to the inspection of the premises and methods of production and cleansing of bottles and utensils, etc.

Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936.

Twenty applications were made for "Accredited" Milk Licences to the County Council.

Four applications were made for "Tuberculin Tested" Licences to the County Council.

Premises were inspected and reported thereon.

Twenty "Accredited" Licences were granted by the County Council.

Four "Tuberculin Tested" Licences were granted by the County Council.

103 Samples of milk were taken for Bacteriological Examination during the year, and 89 proved satisfactory.

Building Bye-Laws.

Thirteen houses were erected during the year and sixteen are under erection.

245 inspections were made under the Bye-Laws. 81 sets of plans were submitted for approval for various types and kinds of buildings.

Housing (Rural Workers) Act, 1926-36.

From the Statistics given below, it will be seen that this year has again been a record year for the number of grants given by the Council.

There has been no need this year to carry out any schemes of advertising as the Act appears to be well known and there is still a number of property owners waiting to have their cottages reconditioned under this Act.

The ten cottages that were purchased by the Council, and are being reconditioned and enlarged, are now nearing completion. These are :—6 at Gorsley, 3 at Peterstow and 1 at Welsh Newton.

There will be five cases of overcrowding abated when these cottages are completed.

I have completed plans and specifications, etc. of the proposed conversion of a large barn at Weston into six cottages, which, if materialised, will abate three more cases of overcrowding.

The following is a summary of completed reconditionings and conversions for the past year 1937 :—

Total number of Applications for Grants ...		59
Applications for grants approved		59
Applications for grants refused		0
Houses Reconditioned (Completed)	26	
Houses being Reconditioned (Not Completed)	29	
Applications withdrawn	4	
	—	59

The following is a summary of the total number of grants since the Act came into operation :—

1928	.....	1 grant approved.
1933	.....	14 grants approved.
1934	.....	24 ,, ,,
1935	.....	29 ,, ,,
1936	.....	46 ,, ,,
1937	.....	59 ,, ,,

Inspections made during the course of alterations, etc. :—

1934	.....	200
1935	.....	155
1936	.....	220
1937	.....	247

Financial Statistics.

Total amount of grants on above 55 applications	£4919	5	4
Total amount of contracts on the 55 houses ...	£10043	1	6
Average grants on each house	£89	5	1

Housing Act, 1930.

During this year, two new Council Houses at Sharman, Walford, have been ereceted to accommodate the displaced persons from the two houses that were demolished on this site.

SUMMARY OF SANITARY WORK PERFORMED BY THE SANITARY INSPECTOR DURING THE YEAR 1937.

CLERICAL WORK, P.H.A., 1875.

Statutory Notices served	7
Statutory Notices complied with	7
Informal Notices served	53
Letters sent out	547
Forms and Notices, etc. sent out	2,991
Reports to M.O.H., re Infectious Cases	19
Notices to Schools, re Infectious Cases	9
Slaughterhouse Licences issued	4

WATER SUPPLY.

Certificates issued in respect of new houses ..	..	13
New Services from Private Water Works ..	7	
New Services from Ross Water Undertaking ..	6	
New Services from Council's Supplies ..	23	
Supplies by Standpipes on Council's Mains ..	11	
PRIVATE SUPPLIES : Springs	0	
New Wells	2	
Existing Wells ..	1	
Public Wells	0	
Rain Water	0	
	—	50
Samples taken and submitted for analysis ..	..	79
Bacteriological samples taken	38	
Chemical samples taken	41	
	—	79
Reported fit for general domestic use ..	..	37
Bacteriological	16	
Chemical	21	
	—	37
Reported as showing evidence of pollution ..	..	42
Bacteriological	22	
Chemical	20	
	—	42
Sources from which more than one sample was taken	..	8
Maximum number of samples taken from one source	..	3

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Cases enquired into	17
Cases removed to Isolation Hospital	12
Cases isolated at home	5
Houses at which disinfecting work was carried out ..	19
Bedding and Bedclothing	19 lots
Shelters disinfected	5
Schools disinfected	1
Other Buildings disinfected	1

SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

Drains for new houses	13	
Drains for existing houses	29	
	—	42
Tests : Hydraulic 39 ; Smoke 10	..	49
Conversions of privy closets to pail closets ..	..	45
Privy closets converted to water closets ..	..	5

MILK AND DAIRIES ORDER, 1926.

Number on Register	259
Number registered during the year	10
Number taken off the register	39
Cowhouses improved	7
Inspections made	250

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

Number Licenced and Inspected	4
Number Registered	1

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS ACTS.

Workshops and Bakehouses inspected	42

NUISANCES.

Nuisances dealt with	22

HOUSING (RURAL WORKERS) ACT, 1926-36.

Applications for grants approved	59
Applications for grants withdrawn	4
Houses Reconditioned	26
Houses being Reconditioned	29
Inspections made	247

HOUSING ACTS.

Houses inspected for having defects	380
Number of Inspections	477
Houses inspected under the Housing Consolidated Regulations	67
Number of Inspections	69
Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	2
Houses not in all respects fit for human habitation ..	92
Notices of Time and Place	6
Demolition Orders made	4
Notices served in respect of Demolition Orders ..	3
Notices that Demolition Order operative	0
Informal Notices requiring repairs to be carried out ..	104
Houses Repaired	159
Houses Demolished	2
Houses Erected	13
Other Buildings, Alterations and Additions	20
Houses under erection	16
Inspections under Bye Laws	245
Plans presented and approved for New Houses ..	20
For Alterations and Additions	61
For Other Buildings	9

HOUSING ACT, 1936—OVERCROWDING.

Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	11
Number of families therein	12
Number of persons dwelling therein	68½
Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	0
Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	35
Number of persons concerned in such cases	197½
Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of Overcrowding	0
Number of houses surveyed..	355
Number of visits in respect of above inspections ..	380

The four families from the four houses found unfit for human habitation during 1936, have been rehoused in the following manner :—

Two familes rehoused in new Council Houses that have been erected and completed.

One family rehoused in house reconditioned by the owner.

One family removed into adjoining district.

(Signed),

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